

We extend our wishes for a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all. We are grateful for the patronage given us during the past year and will appreciate a continuance of the same throughout the New Year.

Haynies

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20 Years Ago

The drawing for the shetland pony, harness and cart took place Wednesday evening at the Athena Mercantile Co.'s store. The lucky ticket was 13501 and H. C. Manela was the lucky man to hold it. The drawing was from the wheel by little Herbert Parker, a large number of people witnessing the operation, which was fair and impartial.

We the undersigned agree to close our respective places of business at 6 o'clock p. m. from and including the 5th day of January, 1903, to the 1st day of March, and during March, at 7:30 p. m., excepting Saturday evenings, which will be at 8 p. m. To the above we all most solemnly agree. Signed: Shick & Co., M. J. Bagley, R. J. Boddy, Taylor & Jarman, W. C. Miller, Mrs. Chas. Norris, N. A. Miller, Athena Mercantile Co., Ed Manasse, Gross & Worthington, E. R. Cox.

John Hanson, well known in this city, was found dead in bed at his home at Touchet Station on Sunday morning, says the Walla Walla Union.

Mr. Harry Englar, recently of Adams, but now a resident of Athena, was united in holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Nancy Wallan, who lives two miles northwest of Adams,

on Christmas eve at the residence of Rev. G. W. Rigby, who performed the ceremony.

After living 68 hours with three bullet holes in his body, Clarence Hale, died in Pendleton Tuesday evening. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. The funeral will take place today at 11 o'clock from the Congregational church at Touchet, Rev. A. R. Olds officiating. Interment will be in the Touchet cemetery.

Little "Jack" Parker is about the most happy boy in Athena. He is the proud owner of a nice saddle pony, given him by French Crigler. He is the envy of all kids and appreciates the gift as only a boy can.

Walla Walla is once more one of the widest open towns in the northwest, the moral wave which swept over the city 18 months ago and held the place in the rigors of the Sunday closing law.

Miss Bessie McBride, of Athena, has been employed to succeed Miss Celia Renn as typewriter in the county clerk's office. Miss McBride is a graduate of the Weston State Normal. Miss Renn resigned to take a position as stenographer in the Hartman Abstract office.

The members of the Friday Afternoon Club are taking much interest in the work of the legislative committee of the Federations of Womens clubs.

Special attention is being given the proposed appropriation by the state to the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition. Mrs. E. R. Cox, the club's president is in receipt of a letter from the board of directors of the exposition, soliciting the club's influence in securing the required appropriation at the coming session of the legislature.

Neighborhood News

Lamar

Mr. D. H. Purcell, father of Mrs. M. W. Hansell, arrived Friday from Oregon City to pay a visit to his relatives.

Mrs. Mona Schwartz, a teacher in Pendleton school, spent Christmas at the Hansell home. She returned to Pendleton Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Laura Purcell who will spend a few days visiting in Pendleton.

Raymond Crumpacker, who is staying at Mr. Spaulding's and attending Lamar School this winter, went to his home in Pomeroy Washington for the holidays.

ON LIBRARY BOARD

George Hartman of Pendleton, has been appointed as a member of the state library board by acting Governor Ritner, to fill the unexpired term of Miss Cornelia Marvin, resigned.

REMINDED COLONEL OF HOME

Use of Word "Tote" Brought to Virginian Joyous Memories of His Boyhood Days.

Colonel Culpepper came from Virginia so many years ago that he thinks he is a New Yorker, and he has lost most of his Virginia speech. Occasionally, when excited, he uses a word that is seldom heard in this city, but generally his speech is correct in syntax and orthodoxy.

"I was made homesick today," he said, "when I saw a word I often heard in my youth, but which is seldom used in the North. It was the word 'tote.' Some man who does business on the cash and carry plan has named his store the 'U-tote Service.' Tote is a mighty good word, and when I was a boy we used it regularly. It is good Elizabethan English. Up here you use the word 'carry.' Down in Virginia we use that word in a broader sense. We carry a horse to water, carry a girl to church or home therefrom. If we mean to take up and convey bodily we say tote.

"The store sign took me back to my boyhood—back to the time I toted a girl's school books when I carried her to school."—New York Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Building a Church in a Day.

Rome was not built in a day, but then Rome was very much behind the times! On the outskirts of Chicago a feat that would have astonished the Romans has been performed, and it sounds a little startling even to our ears. A contract was signed on a Friday for the building of a church. The document stipulated that the church should be ready for dedication on the Sunday following. Just one day was left for the putting up of a building which was to hold about three thousand people! At dawn on the Saturday morning the workmen started, and at seven o'clock that evening the men were putting in windows, doors, and electric light. No floor was laid, but by midnight all else was done and the dedication services were held the following day. This feat had a parallel in Pontiac county, Que., about forty years ago.

REALLY WOULDN'T DO AT ALL

Blunt Railroad Owner Simply Couldn't See Any Sense in an Automatic Signal System.

A certain western railroad which has not yet been "reorganized" is still owned and operated by the blunt-spoken old lumberman who built it. Last year, after a particularly severe accident upon it, the agent for an automatic block signal system called and tried to get a contract for installation.

The old lumberman examined the device attentively and seemed much interested.

"Your chief engineer recommends it highly," said the agent. "He told me to use his name with you and he would see you later."

"Well," said the lumberman, "I guess it is a pretty machine. I like to sit here and see it work myself, it's so all-fired sure. But come to using it on my road—now, young feller, I've been running a railroad some longer'n you and I'll tell you something.

"Accidents is bound to happen about once in so often, no matter what you do. I've got three brakemen in jail now and I've sworn to hang the next one, and the public is pretty well satisfied. But what satisfaction is it going to be for any one if I go to work and hang an old automatic machine?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Horse Rode on Cowcatcher.

A tall story was brought into New Westminster, B. C., by the crew of an electric railway train, Fraser Valley branch. They said that as they waited at the "Y" for a westbound C. N. R. freight to get on to the bridge they saw a horse jump off the cowcatcher of the C. N. R. locomotive. It ran down the B. C. electric railway track toward their train, halted until the C. N. R. train went past, then turned and galloped back to the south shore; stumbled once on the ties, then regained its footing and vanished. The story goes on to say that the freight had run through a band of horses at Hope and this one had been riding on the cowcatcher for several miles.

Red-Beaked Sparrows Pets.

A dab of rouge on the beak makes all the difference in the world in the value of sparrows. Without it the bird must forage for food and be rated as a low caste resident of any feathered community. But when its bill is a high shade of vermilion, a lipstick red that won't come off, a sparrow is a house pet so desirable that 4,000 of them have just been imported.

They are Java sparrows, but they are just sparrows, in size and in twitter, usually slaty gray in color. Occasionally they are pure white.

Hardened.

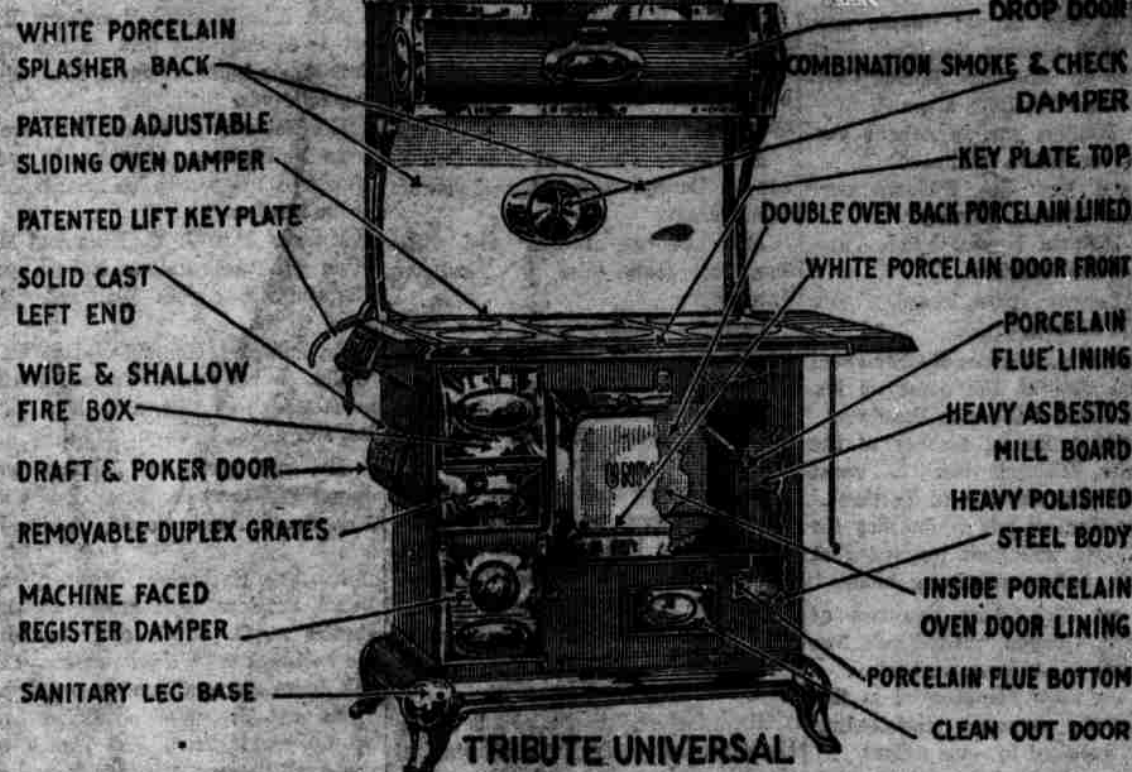
"You wrote me," protested the summer boarder, "that mosquitoes never bothered you."

"They don't," said Mr. Cobbles. "I've been living here more than 30 years. In that length of time a man can get used to anything."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

For Russia's Starving.

Samuel university hopes, through its discovery of the edible qualities of "ewasan," a swamp root, to reduce the suffering in Russia by one-half, says the Scientific American. Awan contains 70 per cent starch, considerable albumen and some fats.

Watts & Rogers, Hardware and Implements



Liquefying Carbon.

Carbon may be melted and maintained in a liquid condition, according to the experiments of a French investigator. The heating was effected under great pressure, in the electric furnace, and a curious phenomenon was noticed at 1,500 atmospheres, namely, that after a brief failure of the arc, the current refused to pass even when the power was much increased. It is supposed that as the carbon passed into a liquid and transparent state, it assumed a rare allotropic form, becoming a nonconductor. The test was too brief for a study of this condition, but was made to include a sudden cooling of the molten carbon by a flooding with water of the interior of the pressure vessel. The minute diamonds were recognized in the gray powder thus obtained, the result being, however, not wholly satisfactory.

Largest Coin in the World.

Probably the largest coin in the world is one belonging to Einar Zerbe, internationally famous expert on rare coins. It is a piece of stamped copper plate 10 inches square and weighs 6½ pounds. It has a value of "4 daler" (the daler was a coin of varying value) stamped on it, and the date 1730. Such coins were commonly used in Sweden for some time during and after the wars of Charles XII. It is part of a collection of more than 30,000 specimens, representing mediums of exchange of all countries and periods from the earliest times to the present day.

Germany Would Welcome Suggestions.

Berlin.—Germany will cordially welcome any suggestions from the United States as to the reparations situation, it was announced following a conference of administration leaders, at which Premier Cuno and others explained the crisis.

Government Free Seeds Defeated.

Washington, D. C.—Free seed went down to defeat in the house when an amendment offered by Representative Langley, republican, Kentucky, to add an appropriation of \$360,000 to the agricultural appropriation bill for distribution of seed by members of congress was voted down, 74 to 21.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale—A good Fisher upright piano. Enquire at the Press Office.

Found—A ladies' umbrella. Call at this office.

For Sale—A splendid variety of popcorn. J. E. Froome.

For Sale—A good sleigh; bobs on hack gear. Enquire at Press office.

For Rent—Furnished house. Mrs. DePeatt, Athena.

Wanted to rent—A piano in good condition. Mrs. May Crowley.

For Sale—Fresh milk cows; gives five gallons per day. Mrs. Lilla Kirk.

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